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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARI

1896–1897

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(Mozrai)

Section V

File No. 48

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Serial Nos.

Papers Filed.

Month August 1906

SUBJECT.

File relating to the Complaint regarding the alleged insertion of a Stone "Sabana" in the Sri Tamaradai Swamni Temple at Madura.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

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Submitted

The Supt wants to take a photo and a copy of the Sasana made by one named Singaracharlu which is in the Sri Lakshmi Janardhana Swami temple at Mandya, in connection with some suit pending in the High Court of Madras.

As the temple is a Muzrai inst. he solicits permission ordered.

2/3 Submitted. May he be informed that Govt. see no objection in this done so - Asst. Secy is accordingly issued for compliance

2/3/06

2/3/06 There is no objection provided the Sasana is not interfered with in any way. Communicate this to the Supt the Amildar & the Dfdar. 2/3/06

Note

Petition dated the 5th June 1906 from Alwar Tirumalingar

The petitioner states as follows :—

That Madras Munni Singlachar, his maternal uncle, consecrated the Krishna Devaru idol in the Jumadeswami temple at Mandya in the year Vyaya and in commemoration thereof established a stone Sasana at the time ;

That the said Singlachar having died heirless, a litigation is going on in the Madras High Court between him and the Head Munshi M. A. Narasimhachar

of the French-Rocks Division,
on account of the property worth
2 lacs of rupees left by the deceased;

That with a view to produce
obtained permission and
as evidence, he took a photo
and a copy of the inscriptions
on the Sasanam rcfd to above
and produced
it in connection as one of the
Exhibits;

That on receipt of an anonymous
petition alleging that the said
Sasanam had been newly placed.
in the temple, the Architect and
the Dy Comrs, Cuddapah Addl Comr
held a local
enquiry and reported the
result to the Dy Comrs with
their opinion;

Mr. K Srinivasa Rao

That he now learns
that the Dy Comrs intends sending
for the said stone Sasanam
to his Office for personal inspection;

that the Lascars being
an important evidence in the
litigation now going on, he will
be put to a great loss, if, by
removing it from the place
where it is, the inscriptions are
mutilated;

& that it is also sacrilegious
to remove the Lascars, once
established at a heavy cost
and by means of Vedic mantra

He therefore prays that
orders may be issued ~~for the~~
~~examina~~ not to interfere with
the Lascars, but to examine it
in the place where it stands
now. He further states that,
if required, he is prepared
even
to bear the cost of transporting
it, if it is considered necessary
By Court (Mr. Sparkes)
that the should himself

into the temple and examine

submitted with a draft to the Dewan through the D/C } It seems undesirable to disturb the stone from its place.

JS 5/6/06

Rec'd 6.6.06.

G Muthaiah 5/6/06

Approved HPN 6/6/06

915 6/6/06

Ld 6/6/06

The Dewan wishes that the papers may be sent to the Dy Com^r for a report as to the nature of the matter in which & what is the enquiry that is being made.

HPN 21/6/06 under leave.

Rec'd 23/6/06

D/Comrs report rec'd. Note & send this back to Asst

Ld 23/6/06

noted & send in continuation

JS 23/6/06

AHP 23/6/06

Submitted to the Dewan

The Dy Comm^r's final report on the subject was received a few days before the orders of the Dewan noted above, and so no enquiry

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was made as ordered.

I have made an addition in the draft in the other File directing that the stone should not be removed from where it is. So no further action is now required on this petn. which may be filed.

K Chandrasekharan
9.7.90

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OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

Subject.

Complaint regarding the alleged insertion of a stone 'Sasana' in the Sri Janardhanaswami temple in Mandya.

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore Dist

Letter No. 592 Dated 6th June 1906.

One Mandyam Alwar Srinivasiengar presented a petition to this Office praying that he may be permitted to take the photograph of a stone 'Sasana' ~~imbedded~~ fixed by one Mamii Singlachar in one of the walls of the Sri Janardhanaswami temple, a muzrai institution in Mandya. The Petr further represented that the 'Sasana' in question was fixed by Mamii Singlachar who consecrated the idol of Sri Krishna in the temple

and endowed it with a money grant of Rs 120 per annum for conducting daily services therein. The Petr added that the copy of the Photograph was required in connection with a Civil Suit in the High Court of Madras.

2. Thereupon the Petitioner was given an Endorsement from this Office permitting him to take the photograph of the stone 'Sasana' provided the 'Sasana' was not interfered with in any way. This was communicated to the Dy Commissioner and the Amildar also simultaneously.

3. Later on, a petn dt 19th Feb: 1906 was received from one Tirumalachar of Mandya complaining that Alwar Tirumaliengar had newly imbedded the stone slab containing the 'Sasana' with the view of concocting evidence in furtherance of his object. This Petn was forwarded to the Dy Comm. in continuation of the previous communication to him from this Office.

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4. Again, on the 24th May 1906, a memorial addressed to His Highness the Maharaja by one Bindige Narasimha praying for the removal of the Sasana in question on the ground of its recent introduction, was transferred to this department for report: with the Private Secretary's memo: No 2481 dt 2nd May 1906.

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5. This memorial having been forwarded to the Dy Commissioner of Bellary, that Officer has submitted the records of the enquiry together with a detailed report from which it is observed as follows.

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6. The stone Sasana in question is stated to be measuring 2 1/4 x 2 feet and fixed in mortar on the inner face of the wall near the entrance door to the Navaranga Mantap of the temple.

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the inscription appears to be in Telugu characters, the language being Sanskrit.

The Amildar of the Mandya Taluk has examined a number of persons of different castes and classes of communities residing in Mandya.

7. 15 persons belonging to the Madhwa and Smarthar sects have deposed to the effect that they have been visiting the temple on Utsava & other occasions and that they did not notice the 'Sasana' in question on any occasion, that they are not aware as to when the 'Sasana' was fixed and that they had not even heard of its existence until it was shown to them.

8. 14 persons — who are non-Brahmins — have deposed to the effect that they go to the temple for Theertha and Prasada

and that they stand in the Navaranga mantap and that they have been seeing the 'Sasana' for the last about 20 years. They add that one Manni Singlachar of Madras fixed the 'Sasana' on the occasion when that gentleman consecrated the metal idol of Sri Krishna Devaru in the temple.

9. 6 merchants and 8 persons belonging to the Sri Vaishnava community have deposed to the effect that the 'Sasana' has been in existence at the place where it is now for the past about 20 years, that they were all present at the time when Manni Singlachar of Madras consecrated the idol of Sri Krishna and fixed the 'Sasana' in question, allotting Rs 120 per annum for the Padikara expenses of the installed deity Sri Krishna. Some of these persons

a are also temple servants.

10. ~~Both~~ Both the Amildar & the Assistant Commissioner Mr. Srinivasa Rao, state that although the temple servants allege that the inscription in question was put here by Mamu Singlachar in 1886, ~~I say that~~ there are no official records to show that permission has been accorded for placing the slab question in the temple.

11. M. A. Narayana Iyengar, Asst Master of the Maharajah's school, Mysore, who took the photograph of the Sasana has been examined & in his deposition he states that the negative of the first photo taken by him has not come very satisfactorily. The negative has been taken from him and the Dy Commissioner Durbar at

Asst Commr's report 20. A

was forwarded by Mr H. Sreenivasarao with the suggestion that it might be sent to some expert photographer & their opinions obtained as to whether the negative could be presumed to be the photograph of the 'Sasana' imbedded in the wall, has sent a to Messrs Barton Son & Co., Bengal and their reply has not been received yet.

2. Thereupon, the Asst Commr. not finding any mention of this 'Sasana' in Mr Rice's Book on Inscriptions in Mysore, addressed the Director of Archaeological Researches in regard to the omission. In reply, that Officer has stated that the 'Sasana' in question could not have been set up when the Archaeological Survey party visited Maudya in 1886-7, or that

a it would have not escaped notice.
He also stated that the form & contents
the inscription are not in accordance
with what have usually been found
in such cases. He further added that
the Amildar's list of inscriptions in
Kandya Hobli was missing in his office
& the lists for the other Hoblis have
been traced, but that inquiry was made
on the spot independently of the Taluk
lists supplied & that therefore it must
be taken as certain that the 'Sasana'
in question was not there at the time
alleged.

13. Meanwhile, one Srinja Perumal
b Iyengar, of the Madras Railway, Bangalore
City sent in an application to the Asst
Commr calling his attention to the existence
of a bell hung up in the Kandya temples.
On this bell also there appears to be an

reception to the effect that the bell was gifted to the temple by Manni Singlakar. Even in the [illegible] of this bell, the Asst Commr & [illegible] Dy Commr who saw it personally are of opinion that the inscription [illegible] it is a new thing as a portion of appeared to them to have recently been engraved.

14 As the foregoing facts appear to the Dy Commr to be extremely suspicious he states that he has issued orders that all the servants who have had anything to do with the temple should be suspended pending further orders.

15. In regard to the inscription on the bell detailed in paragraph 13 above, Alwar Tirunagiri petitioned the Amildar praying that the matter might be formally & thoroughly enquired into in the presence of both

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[illegible] who were contesting them
[illegible] in the High Court, Madras. But
[illegible] merely replied that he
[illegible] intend to hold a formal enquiry
[illegible] the matter, that he was merely
[illegible] to personally see & examine
[illegible] & to report his impressions
the inscription & that therefore
not take action on the petition.

16. Adverting to paragraph 11 of
regarding the Photograph,
D. Comm. has submitted a copy of
repl. from Messrs Barton Son & Co.
which they say that "the negative
& the Stone inscription was taken after
-has been set up inside the temple" and
that "it looks quite like a negative
taken in an enclosed space". The D. Comm
reports the above and adds that the repl.
is no criterion that the photo was taken

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in the existing dar.k temple at Mandya.

17. A petition from M.o. Sigaperumal Iyengar of the Madras Railway Service, M.a Narasimhachar, Head Munshi, French R. Division Assistant Co. signed Office Sujnachanya, addressed to the Dewan Sahb has since been received. The Petitioner complain of the Sasana and the bell referred to above and they suggest punishment of the temple servants to that may be found privy to the unauthorized introduction of the Sasana and the bell into the temple.

18 Some of the suspended temple servants have petitioned to Govt. appealing against the Deputy Commissioner's orders.

19. In this case, His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to call for a report.

Submitted

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Muzrai Secretary's remarks.

The oral evidence in this case is very conflicting. While 15 persons say that for many years past they do not remember having seen the Sasana in question on the wall, as many as 28 persons, several of whom are non-brahmins, say that they have been actually seeing it on the wall for about 20 years.

As regards the allegation that the stone secretly fixed in the wall quite recently it is to be remembered that the stone is said to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long and 2 ft. broad. Such a stone of a corresponding thickness of about $\frac{3}{4}$ or 4 inches at least could not have been easily introduced into the temple without attracting attention, and even if it be said that the temple servants connived in this clandestine act, it could not have been kept out of the knowledge of the local authorities, considering that the temple is situated in the heart of the town of Mandya. Mr.Rice says in his letter No. 24 dated 17th May 1906 that this Sasana could not have been in existence when his

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Research Party visited Mandya in 1886-87, otherwise it could not have escaped notice. it cannot be said however, that all the inscriptions important and unimportant which came to the notice of the Research Party were included in ~~&&~~ Mr. Rice's volume, and further, the fact that the list of inscriptions of the Mandya Kasba Hobli obtained by Mr. Rice from the Amildar is missing, while those of the other Hoblis are in existence, is much to be regretted. On the other hand, the let Messrs. Barton Son and Co. stating that the photograph taken of the Sasana has the appearance of having been taken inside the temple and in an enclosed space, points to the Sasana being fixed in the wall befor the photo was taken. Further, it appears that the stone is fixed in a remote and comparatively dark corner of the Navaranga Mantapa of the temple, and even the witnesses who testify to its non-existence do it in a very doubtful man-

As regards Mr Rice's remarks at the form and contents of the inscription are not in accordance with what have usually been found in such cases, but to ~~speak~~ record in writ- ing in a document purporting to be written in 1886, the old style and language generally met with by Mr Rice in his Researches, cannot be expected.

Taking all these circumstances into consideration

it is difficult to say positively whether the stone Sasana was newly prepared and newly fixed in the wall of the temple. It seems unnecessary and even undesirable on the part of the Government to give a finding on the point as the Civil Suit involving some lakhs of rupees in connection with which, the evidence of this Sasana is required, is proceeding before the High Court of Madras, and it would be best to leave the matter to be investigated with the usual judicial formalities and decided upon by the Court.

Holding the view that the facts elicited in the Commissioner's and the Amildar's enquiry with regard to the conduct of the temple servants as extremely suspicious, the Deputy Commissioner has directed that "all the servants who have anything " to do with the Sri Janardana Swami temple should " be suspended pending orders of Government". Subsequently, with the view of conducting Poojah and other temple services, the Amildar appears to have directed some of the suspended servants to attend to the work. The temple servants have since put in a petition appealing against the Deputy Commissioner's order of suspension.

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Taking into consideration the circumstances referred to in the preceding paragraph viz., the conflicting nature of the oral evidence and the great improbabality of such a big Sasana being clandestinely introduced and fixed in the temple without the knowlege of the taluq authorities, it is my humble opinion that no case has been made out justifying the wholesale suspension of all the temple servants. I th that the order of suspension should be set aside.

In this case H.H. the Maharaja has been pleased to call for a Report.

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Submitted with a draft to the Dewan Saheb thro' the II Councillor.

T Ananta Sama Rao
9/7/06

83/10.7.06 The circumstances are exceedingly suspicious. both as regards the Sasanam & the inscription on the Bell.

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The Accildar, the Revenue
Divisional officer and the
Dy Commissioner are of
opinion that the Sasana
is not a genuine one and
the inscription on the Bell
is of recent date. Mr Rice's
opinion as to the Sasana
is quite positive.
A large sum viz.
2 lakhs of rupees
ing in the Madras
and the two inscriptions
now in question undoubtedly
favor one of the parties
without expressing an
opinion one way or the other
I am inclined to think
that matters are not yet
ripe for suspending or

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dealing Summarily with the Temple Servants. The latter is subjudice and should be left the Judicial authority run its Course and await the result. The Case is a sensational one and requires delicate section [illegible] treatment. Report may be passed

Yr Obedt servt
2d Councillor

10/7/06

Submitted to His Highness.

The circumstances of the case are stated in the Muzrai Secretary's note. I agree with him and with the Second Councillor that it is undesirable for the Government to give any opinion at this stage on the question whether the stone Sasana in the temple was recently introduced or has been there from 1886, as a very sensational case is pending before the High Court of Madras in which the inscription on the stone appears to form an important piece of evidence.

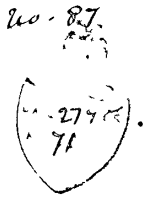
I do not think the Deputy Commissioner was well advised in suspending the temple servants at this stage. It seems to be superfluous to say that in the light of the evidence now produced no case has been made out against the temple servants and that therefore the order of suspension should be cancelled.

The draft in the file may be approved with the above modification.

Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Memorial of Bindige Narasimha Char and others concerning the stone ' sasana ' in the Sri Janardhana Swami temple at Mandya.



Please issue.
B.O.
CSR
27/7/06

Issue the draft

Subd to the 2nd Commissioner before issue
28/7/06

28/7/06

No. 3697/2.3.06.

No. 3698.

No. 3699.

Copy to the [illegible]

Copy to the Assistant [illegible] } for information

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From

To The Dy. Commr
Mysore Dist.

Dated
Despatched 7.4.06.
Received
General No. 4634.
No.

Enclosure No

In contn of his o.
no. 3698 of 2d march 1906 for
warding copy of endorsemt
granted to Alwas
of Mandya perm
take photograph an
certain Sasanas in
ganakshana Swamy temple a
the place, has the honor to
forward herewith for
of enquiry a
petition regd no. 3594 of 19th
4feby. 1906 from one Timmala
of Mandya complaining
in view to concert evid

for the furtherance of some
object. Then said individual
he is given to understand
that the said individual
with his disciples had un-
authorizedly fixed stone
[illegible]ts with engravings
seen in the temple

By order,

7/4/06

Secretary.

Sec.

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Jem Hill, Ooty, 2nd May 1906

No. 2481/1

Rupees

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MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the M of Mysore, Muzrai Department, Bangalore, for report

No. 1530 of 05-06.

By Order,

I. C. S.
Private Secretary
to H. H. The Maharajah of Mysore.

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4.5.06

To

His Highness the Maharaja

of Mysore,

We the undersigned beg to submit
of Your Highness most respectfully
beg to approach Your Highness with
the following few lines and beg that
Your Highness will be graciously
pleased to cause the needful in
-ries instituted and orders passed.

Somebody with interested motives for
newly introduced, with the connivance
of the temple servants, into the Sri
Janardana Swami temple at Mantya,
a stone inscription which has not-
been there before. The inscription in
question is dated as 21-4-1886 intended
to represent the genealogy of a
certain Bhakta who had consecrated
some years back the Vigraha of

Sri Krishna in that temple, his gotra and Sutra briefly with a view to secure it as evidence in a big civil suit now pending before the High Court of Madras.

This temple is directly under the management of Your Highness' Huzurai department, and to fix such stone therein by private individual permission of Government does not appear to have obtained, and this is quite contrary to the custom and proceedings of Government.

That this stone inscription was in the temple is evident from the fact that there is no mention of it in the Books of inscriptions, which are the result of a good deal of research, examination, trouble and expense the Director of Archeological researches in Mysore has published. Mr. Rice, the Director of Archeological researches writes in the Book of inscriptions, published by him in 1894, that during 1887-1888 he made a field survey of the taluks of the Mysore District and the

mentions in the said book only seven Sasanams in the town of Mandya. The Sasanam in question, is not one among the above. The Director of Archeological researches has in his collections recorded even private-Tambra Sasanams, and such been the case he would not have left out a sasanam in public temple if it really existed there.

Should it please Your Highness to depute an expert officer of Government to inspect the Stone inscribed in the temple it will be that it is newly prepared and fixed in the temple wall. The mortar appears to be new and this is in other evidence of the recent fixture.

We therefore most humbly pray that Your Highness will be graciously pleased to order that needful inquiries be made, and to punish the offenders who have caused mischief in a holy place

and for the removal of the stone
on the ground of its recent
illegal erection. 26- april-1906.

[illegible]

A. Ramanujayyangar

Mā Thammala Ranjas (Mellore)

[illegible]

Ramalakshi (Mellore)

[illegible]

[illegible]

Urgent

From

To The Rev. Cmmr.
Mysore Dist.

Dated 14th May 19 8.

Despatched 17/5.

Received

General No. 5288
No.

Enclosure No. 2

Advertising

office docket no 4634

4th April 1906

The petition of
chair of mantra
of the mantri. for fix
of the stone tablets
engravings thereon in
Sri janardhanaswa
temple at the place,
the honr to forward
memorial recd. no. 153 447

the 26th April 1906

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by Bindige Narasimha char
and certain others on the
same subject. The memorial-
ists ~~adduce evidence in support~~
~~of their complaint and~~ pray
for the removal of stone
[illegible] on the ground of their
[illegible] obstruction
[illegible] council is requested
to investigate into the
matter and submit a
detailed report thereon
[illegible] very early date.

By order,

15/5/1906

Secretary.

Sent to the memorialists.

14/5/06

2 Copies

No. 5289/17.5.56.

By order,

Secretary.

14/5/56

Camp: Mau

Recd by Alwar T. Aligarh etc

To

The Dy Commr

Nagore District

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith petition dated 5-11- instant, presented in person by one Mr. Muthiengar. The petition must something is going on in the Madras High in connection with the property left by one Mammi and that the

evidence on his
behalf in the said
litigation is based
on the Stone Lingam
~~referred to above~~ alleged
to have been established
by [illegible] on
[illegible] in
[illegible] Sri Varadaraja
Swami Temple at-
Kanchi. He further
states that, in connection
with [illegible] this revered
object, he learns
a Stone Lingam
is [illegible] and to be removed
from [illegible] for
your personal examination,
and objects to it on religious
~~the~~ grounds ~~stated~~
~~in the writ~~ and also on
the ground that the

inscriptions might be mutilated during transmission.

2. I am to observe that the removal of the Lucknow

the plea of the allegation is, ~~that~~ undesirable at present stage, considering the fact that litigation, on ~~the~~ ~~in~~ ~~connection~~ ~~with~~ in Oudh and the position of the ~~Oudh~~ and the authenticity of the inscriptions would seem to furnish important ~~elements of the~~ evidence in the case. ~~to be possessed by the~~ Accused appears to be a point for decision by the Civil authorities, ~~and the~~

~~The~~ removal of it~~s~~
appears ~~to be~~ not proper
on religious grounds
~~also~~

~~2.~~ I am therefore to
request that you
be pleased to
state on what ground as
well as for
what reason ~~you~~ the removal of the stone
~~having the Sanction~~
from its present
situation —

It is ~~not~~ however, not
clear whether or not
~~the examination~~
enquiry by ~~the~~ you
~~2~~ in connection with
the Sanction ~~mentioned~~.

Every necessary enquiry
should of course be
as already required by Govt,
made by you and Hindu
Officers may be sent
into the temple for the purposes of
~~examin~~
on the spot, but the
situation of the stone

Need
~~Should~~ not in any
way be interpreted with.

I have the

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Enclosure

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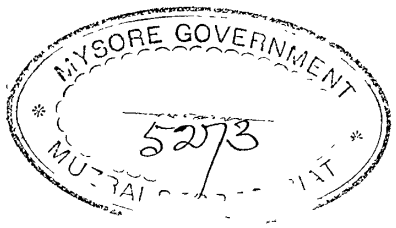

From
H. H. Sharpe Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To
A. Narasimha Rao Esq
Asst
Secy: to the Govt of Mysore
Revenue Deptt

Dated 6 Ind
Despatched 7
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General No. 25
No. Refer

Enclosure

Submits report on the memorial of Bindige Narasimha Char & certain other ryots re the removal of stone tablet in Janardhana temple at

Refer early Decem
by 11 Feb 06.

Office note submit for orders.
by 14.6.06.

No 592/1906

Deputy Commr's office
Mysore District
Dated 5/7 June 1906.

The Secretary to the
Government of Mysore
Muzrai Department
Bangalore

Sir,

I have to refer to your docket No 5288 dated 19th May 1906 forwarding for [illegible] memorial Registered No 1530/4716, dated the 26 April 1906 (herewith returned) addressed to H. H. the Maharaja by Bindige Narasimha- [illegible] certain others re the removal of tablet with engravings from the Sri Janardhana swami Devasthana, I have the honor to forward herewith the records of the [illegible] case with report No A dated the 5th June 1906 (herewith submitted in original) received from the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the French Rocks group of Talukas together with my order thereon, and to state that the facts of the case are fully dealt with in the Assistant Commissioner's English report.

2. The negative referred to in the Assistant Commissioner's report has been forwarded

forwarded to Messrs. Orr & Barton, Bangalore with a request that their opinion as to where it was taken may be given, which, on receipt, will be forwarded to you.

3. As the facts now brought to light are so extremely suspicious, I have issued orders to the Assistant Commissioner in charge of the French Rocks of Talakad that all the servants who [illegible] to do with the Sri Jamárd temple should be suspend orders of Government.

4. I saw the Bale referred to in para 9 of the Assistant Commissioner's report and expressed my opinion at the time that the inscription was new.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

[illegible]
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore

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23. [illegible] 10.5.06 [illegible] 147. ..33

24. 26.4.06 [illegible] M.A. [illegible]

25. [illegible] 17.5.06 [illegible] 35-

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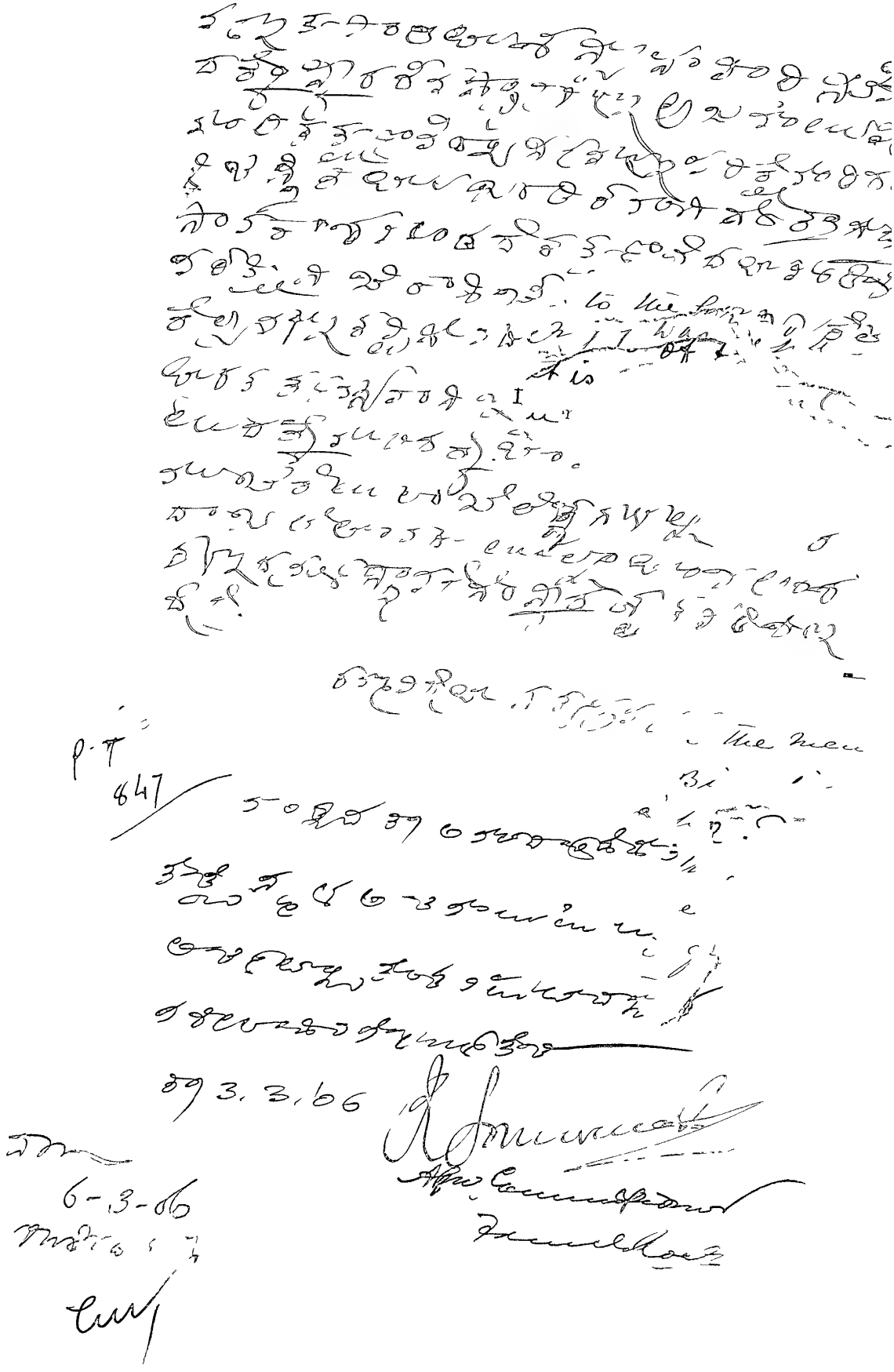
26. [illegible] 1373 [illegible] 39"



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From
H. H. Starkey Esq:
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To
2. Amanuensis No. 2 Esq. M.A
Secy: to the Govt of Mysore
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Office of His Highness's Commissioner
for the Mysore Districts
British Residency 13th June 1906

To
C. Arnot Hunt, Esquire B.A.
Secretary to the Government
of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Miscellaneous Departments, Bangalore

Sir

In continuation of my letter
of the 6th June 1906 and in
connection with the memorial
from No. 1530/4716 dated the 26th April
addressed to A.V. the Dharmadhikarya
of Nanjanagud by Bandige Narasimha
Shastri and certain others regarding
the removal of the stone tablet
with writings thereon in the
Sridharana Swami temple
at Nanjanagud, I have the honor
to forward herewith copy of letter
dated the 7th June 1906 received
from Messrs. Burton Sons & Co.,
Bangalore, stating that the nega-
tive of the stone inscription
referred to in para 2 of my
letter quoted above was taken
after it had been set up inside
the temple and that it looks
quite like a negative taken
in an enclosed space but this
is

is no criterion that the photo was taken in the existing dark temple at Nandya.

I h[illegible] to be your [illegible]

Deputy Com[illegible]
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Barton Son & Co

South Parade

Bangalore 11th June 1906

N. N. Sparkes Esqr &c &c
Deputy Commr
Mysore

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter
of the 7th instant we show you
that the negative of the stone
inscription was taken after it
had been set up inside the
Temple. It looks quite as if the
negative taken in an open
space.

We are, dear Sir,
yours faithfully
(sd) Barton Son & Co

"Copy"

Deputy Commissioner
Mysore Dist

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Received from No
the S.R.S. 16/6/06
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To The Dewan of
Mysore.

The undersigned most
respectfully begs to submit.
that
Your honour in this
matter
few lines as to
honour will be pleased
to pass orders.

That we along with M/s.
Thirumala Chari are the Plaintiffs
in O.S. No 14 of 05, a suit
now pending before the
Court of Madras, and
Alwar Thirumala Iyengar
his brother M.A. Appala Iyengar
overseer Mysore City Municipal
Office are the defendants.

That one of the questions in
the aforesaid suit has become
important hereafter upon

The

the genealogy of one Swamy Jeeva-
Malachar (deceased).

That very lately a new stone
tablet with an inscription
bearing upon the above ques-
tion of genealogy has been
introduced into the
Temple of the Jain
at Moodiya by the
Support the Contention
defendants in the suit now
pending before the High
Court of Madras.

That subsequent to the
introduction of this stone tablet
another document in the
shape of an inscription on bell
metal and relating to the
same question of genealogy
has been introduced into the
Temple at Moodiya to serve
the same purpose as the
stone inscription.

That an enquiry touching
the unauthorised introduction
of the new stone slab used for
the new inscription on the
wall was held by the Joint
Commissioner [illegible]
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We pray that your honour
may be graciously pleased
to take early steps to secure
a holy and public place of worship
like the Sri Jagannatha temple
is not made over to it.
Creation, forgery
of false and forged
title deeds, and illegal
alienations effected.

We further pray that your honour
may be graciously pleased to order
the Contract of such of the temple
documents as are found to be forged
to the unauthorised entries,
the fabricated documents
the newly introduced slokas
and the new inscriptions
&c.

M. A. Srinivasaperumal Iyengar
Manager, Goods Dept Mail Motor
Bangalore City

Forwarded to the Secretary
Govt Museum Nursery Depot
Mr Venkatasubbaiah
for necessary
action
16/8/06

Srinivasa Aravalimal (illegible)
Office. (illegible).

Srigaracharia
Ledger keeper
Mysore Agricultural & Horticultural
Gardens.

Dt. 9th June 1906

6-7-06

Received

The Inspector Secretary to
Government of Mysore
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7/7/06

Rupees

The humble petition of Narasimhachar Head Munshi Rocks Division Bangalore

Most respectfully sheweth

That your petitioner is a Brahmin by caste and a native of Mysore

No. 112

Respected Sir,

1. I beg leave to annex a copy of the order, No. 207 dated the 1st June 1906, issued to me by the Amildar of Mandya. This order places me under suspension.

2 This order is based on wrong & incorrect reasons and is unjust.

3. In the year 1886 (Vy. Suigalachar of Madras installed an image of Sri Krishna and built a Temple above, and promised to pay Rs 120/- yearly for the worship thereof and in commemoration of this event he fixed a stone inscription in the Temple and presented to the Temple a bronze bell with his name &c.

4 The family of the said Suigalachar became extinct, and as the estate of the family is worth about two lacs of rupees, disputes have arisen among the claimants thereto, namely (1) Sri Narasimhachar, Head Munshi, Rocks Division, (2) Sri Suigaperu

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Iyengar, Chief Goods Clerk, Madras
Railway, and others (as Plaintiffs) pe
(3) Alvar Tirumalai Aiyangar an it
others (as Defendants) in the High Ct ass
of Madras in O. S. No. 14 of 1905;
this suit both the above mentioned st
stone inscription and bell have bee th
cited as evidence; and
the Defendant by
No. 3698 dated
taken a photo
inscription and
in Court.

5. A Commission
by the Madras High Court in
with the said suit to the Principal
Mylapore, for the examination of wi
nesses in regard to the facts of the
case, and the case was begun and ad
journed to the 23rd of th;
In this suit the present pe
other residents of Mandya
the Temple servants are se
witnesses to be examined on
sion in Mylapore.

6. The stone inscrip and
bell both go against the case set up
by the Plaintiff, Dr. A. Narasimhach
Head Munshi, above named; and fo
the purpose of getting an order from
this Government adversely to the sa
inscription so as to enable him to file
in the Madras High Court in support
of his contention, he fraudulently go
up two pseudo-nymous petitions - on
by Satyapravartaka and another by

Bindigai

Inscriptions of the Mysore District pu
lished by the Mysore Government, it
clearly stated that Government had iss
forms to local authorities in 1878 &
for the collection of inscriptions and th
the latest inscription collected was th
of 1850, on the Madden Bridge. It
forms, as a matter of fact, never refe
to Mandya. It is & that
inscription
at all be taken
existence in the
above. The Gover
ed the Temple servants
about the said inscription
up to the date of the enquiry held by
Amildar as noted above. It may
be noted that owing to want of hav
and for other reasons, the Director
General of Archaeological
regrets to state that
inscriptions he copied are
incorrected and also that he
to copy, for want of inform
assistance, many other inscrip
consequently his collection
exhaustive. For instance, I beg to
to your notice that His late lamente
Highness Sri Krishna Rajendra Wo
yar's inscription of the year Sarvadhari
1828-1829- in the Sri Prasanna Sri
Swami's Temple in Mysore, granting
5000 Pagodas yearly for the Temple
expenses does not find a place in the
Government list of inscriptions; so al
two inscriptions in the Sri Lakshmi
Ramana Swamis

Ramana Swami's Temple in Mylapore of the years Viswavasu and Saumya respectively do not find a place in many inscriptions in Kalkrate also are omitted from the said list. For these reasons the Government Book of Inscriptions cannot at all be taken evidence in this case. Kartakre
9. Neither
nor Bindigai Sister
referred to has
of the inscription
Sr. A. Narasimhai
that are interested in it.
Court of Madras both the Pl.
Defendants in O.S. No. 14 of 1905 are
disputing the stone inscription abo
referred to as being false and true
pectively. till the enquiry at Madras
over, i.e while the matter is
it is quite contrary to law. (
Section 12 of the Civil
Code) for a Revenue Court
into the same matter or a
it.

10. It is not proved in least
that either myself or the o
servants had anything to do with
fixing up of the stone inscription.
the instigation of his Shirastedar
French Rocks Division Officer, with
object of strengthening his Head
Sr. A. Narasimhachar's Case at
made a false and unjust report to
Deputy Commissioner against me
others without any evidence whatso

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appealing against the order

of the Government

Order thereon - 818 D 21/8/0

Reference to record of

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by me

and Engineers

[illegible]

Read [illegible] the Director

of Agriculture, the question

[illegible]

at the present

to give [illegible]

whether or not [illegible]

[illegible] was taken,

and whether [illegible]

of the temple. The Govt. to

may be left to the investigation

with the usual judicial powers

and decided upon by the Court

before which a suit is now pending.

~~The circumstances~~ 2. Building ~~to remain~~

1. Meanwhile, the stone containing the inscription should be left intact where it is, and should not be interfered with in any way.

~~Unnecessary~~

Unnecessary

Suspicious

2. As regards the order of suspension passed upon the temple servants by the Asst Comr the Govt are of opinion that in the light of the evidence now produced, no case has been made out against those servants, and they are accordingly pleased to direct that the order of suspension be cancelled.

28/7/06

[illegal] Secretary, Revenue Deptt

Asst Comr, Palni, Magazine Dist, returning records. Rd 10/7/06

Govt to Petitioners.

R.O.

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The above corrections have been made in accordance with the Dewan's remarks and His Highness' approval thereof.

28/7/06

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

Dated 19 .

ENDORSEMENT granted to M. A. Tirumalachar, Bindige Rau and others of Melkote

in reply to their ~~Petition~~ memorial Register

addressed to H.H. the Maha
of the Sasana fixed in the in
swami temple by one Mani sw.
on the ground of its being a recent

The memorialists are

~~Petitioners is~~ informed that upon a perusal of the record of inquiry instituted ~~by the Assistant Commr of Mandya and reports of the Asst Commr of Pandavapura & the Dy Comr of Mysore~~ in the case, the Govt consider it unnecessary at the present stage to give a finding on the qn whether or not the Sasana in question was newly inserted in the wall of the temple. The question ~~may be left~~ to be investigated with the usual and decided upon by the Court before which now, meanwhile, orders have been issued that the stone recording ~~Sasana~~ inscription ~~shall be~~ left intact where it is and no interference in any way. 2. As regards the order of suspension passed upon the temple servants by the Dy Commr, the Govt are of opinion that in the light of the evidence now produced, no case has been made out against those servants, & they have accordingly been pleased to direct that the order of suspension be cancelled.

By Order,

H.H.'s orders) Draft) 1/8/06

Secretary, Muzrai Department.

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P.T.O.

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1) Copy of the above is forwarded to M.a Swaperumala Ayengar, Goods Dept, Madras Railway for Perm Regd no 5381

2. ...warded to Mandayam Kuppamengar, ...ik of the Sri Jawardhanaswami temple, Mandya, in reply to his petn Regd no 112 dy 4th July 1906

3) 8021 Copy is forwarded to Alwar Tirumalaiengar for do.

By order

1/8/06

Secy mee.

1/8/06